

Fort Edward Free Library  
Board Meeting Minutes  
May 14, 2025

Attendance: James Donahue, Mary Ellen Fisher, Morgan Clark, Kate Hunsdon-Stannard

Absent: John Godfrey

Staff: Vicki Plude

Welcome:

A meeting was called to order by James Donahue at 7:00 p.m. In Person meeting. Minutes of the April 9th meeting were unanimously approved (M.E. Fisher, M. Clark).

Financial Report:

- Bills were paid and accounts balanced through the end of April 30, 2025.
- Checkbook reconciled as of April 30, 2025.
- Reviewed 1st Quarter Report.
- SALS Construction Grand rec'd.
- The Grant for large print books is partially used and paid. Will purchase the rest of the books by the end of the month.
- 1st Quarter payroll tax was paid.

Librarian's Report:

- Report of items, patrons, circulation, new items, Wi-Fi usage, and interlibrary loans for April.
- Book Club met with an attendance of 7.

- 4 programs were held during Spring Break with 6 kids and 3 adults at each one.
- Garden Club met with an attendance of 5.
- there is a new tutor meeting with a student in the mornings.

#### Correspondence:

- Rec'd- email from SALS- awarded the SALS Construction Grant for this year.
- Black Hawk Literary and Portfolio Agency- programs to help people write for copyrights, publishing things, etc.
- Secret Garden Project- sent seeds.
- Polaris- what's new.
- Fort Edward Historical Association- what's going on.
- Fort Edward School- looking for funding- selling posters with advertising.
- SALS- Dinner 5/19- Vicki and Lynn going.

#### Unfinished Business:

- Blue Mountain Lake- James will reach out to Paul.
- Backyard- Buddy's Tree service will be limbing.
- Microscopes- will order end of May/early June.
- Pipes- got 3 quotes. Motion to select Rosati for the plumbing was unanimously accepted (M. Clark, M.E. Fisher).
- 110th anniversary- changed to December.
- Driveway- will talk to town to fill cracks.
- Oaks- would love to continue the program with Vicki.
- Free food Grant- waiting to hear from group.
- Parade- Library will be in the parade. will start model car program in mid July.

#### New Business:

- Knitting Club will meet on Friday mornings.
- Summer programs:
  - 6/17 Birds of Prey
  - 6/24 Fairy Garden Teacups
  - 7/8-7/11 Sidewalk chalk and stencils
  - 7/8 Splashdown for reading 6:15-8:00pm at the pool
  - 7/15- Scat poop program
  - 7/22- Mossy the Turtle
  - 7/29 STEM fairytales- 3 Billy Goats Gruff
  - 8/5 Senses story time- visually impaired- will order braille books.
  - 8/19- shadow puppet night.
- Vicki received recognition for her journaling at SUNY Adirondack.

A motion was made to adjourn at 7:58 p.m. and was unanimously approved (M. Clark, M.E. Fisher).

Draft submitted by Secretary Kate Hunsdon-Stannard.